

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, recites that when a display mode of a window frame display area is changed, an illumination device is adapted not to illuminate the symbol corresponding to the symbol display area and a light transmittance rate of the symbol display area is made low.

Loose fails to disclose nor suggest the configuration as amended in claim 1 above that, at the timing of changing the display mode of the window frame display, the illumination device is adapted not to illuminate the symbol corresponding to the symbol display area and a light transmittance rate of the symbol display area is made low.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejection is improper because the applied art fails to teach each element of claim 1 as amended and discussed above. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claim 6 is made to focus on the feature that, at the timing of changing the display mode of the window frame display area, a moving object (corresponding to a jumping jack) starts to move along the window frame display area. This configuration is not disclosed nor suggested in Loose.

New claim 7 also includes features not shown in the applied art. Such features are similar to those of claims 1 and 6.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly

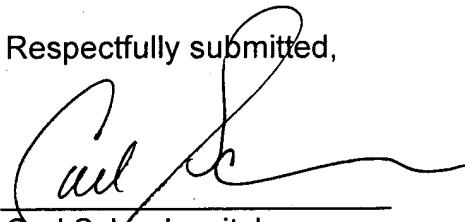
addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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